

**PRECALCULUS PROBLEM SESSION #14- PRACTICE PROBLEMS**

**Parabolas**

A) Find the vertex, focus, and directrix of the parabolas and sketch its graph.

1.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^2$

2.  $y^2 = -6x$

3.  $x^2 + 6y = 0$

4.  $(x - 1)^2 + 8(y + 2) = 0$

5.  $(x + 5) + (y - 1)^2 = 0$

6.  $(x + \frac{3}{2})^2 = 4(y - 2)$

7.  $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 = 4(y - 1)$

8.  $y = \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 2x + 5)$

9.  $x = \frac{1}{4}(y^2 + 2y + 33)$

10.  $y^2 + 6y + 8x + 25 = 0$

11.  $y^2 - 4y - 4x = 0$

B) Find the standard form of the equation of the parabola with its vertex at the origin.

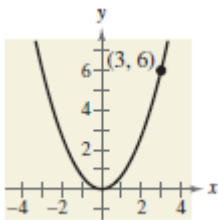
1. Focus:  $(0, -\frac{3}{2})$

2. Focus:  $(-2,0)$

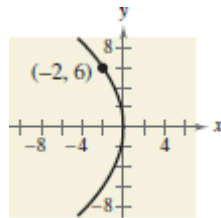
3. Directrix:  $y = -1$

4. Directrix:  $x = 2$

5. Horizontal axis and passes through the point  $(4,6)$



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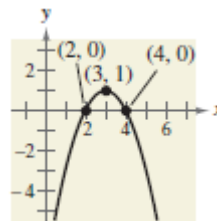


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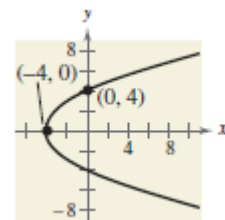
C) Find the standard form of the equation of the parabola.

1. Vertex:  $(5,2)$ ; Focus:  $(3,2)$

2. Vertex:  $(0,4)$ ; Directrix:  $y = 2$



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3. Focus:  $(2,2)$ ; Directrix:  $x = -2$

D) Word problem

1. Each cable of a suspension bridge is suspended (in the shape of a parabola) between two towers that are 120 meters apart and whose tops are 20 meters above the roadway. The cables touch the roadway midway between the towers.

- Create a sketch of the bridge. Draw a rectangular coordinate system on the bridge with the center of the bridge at the origin. Identify the coordinates of the known points.
- Find an equation for the parabolic shape of each cable.

- c. Complete the table by finding the heights  $y$  of the suspension cables over the roadway at distances of  $x$  meters from the center of the bridge

$x$	0	20	40	60
$y$				

### Ellipses

- A) Find the center, vertices, foci, and eccentricity of the ellipse, and then sketch the graph.

1.  $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$

2.  $\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

3.  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-5)^2}{25} = 1$

4.  $\frac{(x+5)^2}{9} + (y-1)^2 = 1$

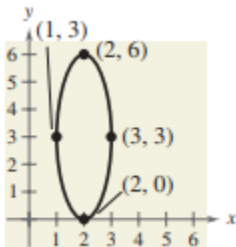
5.  $6x^2 + 2y^2 + 18x - 10y + 2 = 0$

6.  $16x^2 + 25y^2 - 32x + 50y + 16 = 0$

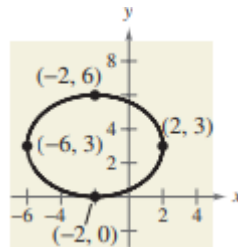
- B) Find the standard form of the equation of the ellipse with center at the origin.

- Vertices:  $(\pm 6, 0)$ ; Foci:  $(\pm 2, 0)$
- Foci:  $(\pm 5, 0)$ ; Major axis of length 12
- Vertices:  $(0, \pm 5)$ ; Passes through the point  $(4, 2)$

- C) Find the standard form of the equation of the specified ellipse.



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3. Vertices:  $(0, 4), (4, 4)$ ; Minor axis of length 2

4. Center:  $(0, 4)$ ;  $a = 2c$ ; Vertices:  $(-4, 4), (4, 4)$

### Hyperbolas

- A) Find the center, vertices, foci, and the equations of the asymptotes of the hyperbola, and sketch its graph.

1.  $x^2 - y^2 = 1$

2.  $\frac{y^2}{25} - \frac{x^2}{81} = 1$

3.  $\frac{(y+6)^2}{\frac{1}{9}} - \frac{(x-2)^2}{\frac{1}{4}} = 1$

4.  $9x^2 - y^2 - 36x - 6y + 18 = 0$

5.  $x^2 - 9y^2 + 2x - 54y - 80 = 0$

6.  $\frac{(x-1)^2}{4} - \frac{(y+2)^2}{1} = 1$

B) Find the standard form of the equation of the specified hyperbola with the center at the origin.

1. Vertices:  $(0, \pm 2)$ ; Foci:  $(0, \pm 4)$
2. Vertices:  $(\pm 1, 0)$ ; Asymptotes:  $y = \pm 5x$
3. Foci:  $(0, \pm 8)$ ; Asymptotes:  $y = \pm 4x$

C) Find the standard form of the equation of the specified hyperbola.

1. Vertices:  $(4, 1), (4, 9)$ ; Foci:  $(4, 0), (4, 10)$
2. Vertices:  $(-2, 1), (2, 1)$ ; Passes through the point  $(5, 4)$
3. Vertices:  $(0, 4), (0, 0)$ ; Passes through the point  $(\sqrt{5}, -1)$
4. Vertices:  $(1, 2), (3, 2)$ ; Asymptotes:  $y = x, y = 4 - x$
5. Vertices:  $(0, 2), (6, 2)$ ; Asymptotes:  $y = \frac{2}{3}x, y = 4 - \frac{2}{3}x$

D) Word Problem

1. A hyperbolic mirror (used in some telescopes) has the property that a light ray directed at a focus will be reflected to the other focus (see figure). The focus of a hyperbolic mirror has coordinates  $(24, 0)$ . Find the vertex of the mirror if its mount has coordinates  $(24, 24)$ .

